Mr. President : Before I put this motion to the House, I would like to say that I also wish to associate myself with the expression of sympathy and condolence from different quarters of this House. I will now ask all the members to pass this motion standing.

Motion passed nem con *all members standing*

Announcement by the President—Re-arrangement of business

Mr. President : I have now to announce that the Council will not sit tomorrow. The business that has been put down for tomorrow will be taken on Wednesday, the business that has been put down for Wednesday will be taken on Thursday, the business that has been put down for Thursday will be taken on Friday and that put down for Friday will be taken on Saturday.

Announcement of Election of a member to the Standing Finance Committee

I also have to announce that the nomination papers for the election of a member to the Standing Finance Committee in the place of Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan will be received by the Secretary to the Council up to 5 o' clock on Wednesday afternoon, the 9th of February 1944. The election will be held on Thursday, the 10th.

Statement of expenditure placed on the table

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts) :* Sir, Under Rule 58 of the Legislative Council Rules I beg to place the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under section 28 (1) (c) of the Government of Cochin Act 1113.

Serial No.	*Head of account*	*Amount*	*Remarks*
1.	Cranganur 6 Excise Refunds (1118)	Rs. 28	The actual refund sanctioned to licensees to toddy shops exceeded the budget grant and this amount had to be urgently provided.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS

1. Rs. 340 under "22. Veterinary Miscellaneous"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 340 under" 2C—Veterinary—Miscellanuous". The tank in front of the Veterinary Hospital, Mattancheri, has to be filled up. An expenditure of Rs. 340 is necessary for the purpose. There is no allotment for the same in the current year's budget. Hence an additional allotment of Rs. 340 is necessary under the above head. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Regarding the general business of these supplementary grants, I may be permitted to bring to your notice the fact that of the 75 demands we have explanations only for 25 have been furnished.

Mr. President : When we come to the 26th, the Hon'ble Member may raise the point.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* For greater expedition of business we may postpone it to another day so that we may have sufficient notice of all the demands.

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I think that all the 75 demands have been explained.

Mr. President : We will take the grants as they come.

Demand put and carried

2. Rs. 500 under "4-B—Village Courts—T. A."

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 500 under "T. A. 4-B—Village Courts." The usual allotment under T. A. before the creation of the Village Courts Department was Rs. 400 in "3-B—Village Courts." This amount was intended for payment of T. A. to Panchayat Court clerks for one journey in a month for treasury transactions. Government have since sanctioned payment of T. A. twice a month for treasury transactions. Further, the daily allowance has been raised to annas 10 for clerks. The provision under T. A. in the Village Courts Budget is only Rs. 440. In the first three months of 1119 a sum of Rs. 264—8—0 has been spent on this account and the balance in the allotment *viz.*, Rs. 175—8—0 will not be sufficient for payment of T. A. for the remaining months. On an average a sum of Rs. 75 will be required every month. There will be no savings in the current year's budget. Hence the necessity for the additional allotment of Rs. 500. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether this demand has been considered in the light of the introduction of service hundies.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* I do not think that we have yet introduced that system.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattacnheri):* In the light of that idea, I would like to know whether this expenditure has been considered necessary.

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* That question was not considered at the time when this proposal was made. When it is introduced this amount will not be spent and it will be a saving.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I want to point out only one fact. The supplementary grant is required for the payment of T. A. to clerks. I have pointed before that there are Judges in the various village courts who have to spend out of pocket for travelling from their houses to courts and as a matter of fact several judges have to spend for each sitting one or two rupees out of pocket and I do not know why they should be called upon to spend this money out of pocket when every other person is being given T. A.

Mr. President: I do not think that the subject which the Hon'ble Member is raising concerns this particular demand.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* I am only pointing out the inconsistency. The clerk is paid T. A. and the judge is not paid any T. A.

Mr. President: Is it your argument that since the judges are not paid T. A. the clerk also is not to be paid. Your point has no bearing on this question.

Demand put and carried

3. Rs. 595 under "4-A—Village Courts—Establishment"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 595 under "4—Village Courts—Establishment". After examining the work of the Office of the Registrar of Village Courts it was found that the existing staff is inadequate to cope with the work in the office. In addition to the 35 courts that exist now it is proposed to start 12 more village courts in 1119, provision for which has been made in the Village Courts Budget. The work in the Registrar's Office will therefore increase further. All these Village Courts have also to be inspected once a year. In these circumstances an additional clerk on Rs. 40—60 has been sanctioned to the Office of the Registrar of Village Courts temporarily for one year. There is no savings in the Village Courts Budget to meet the expenditure on account of this appointment. Hence the necessity for an additional allotment of Rs. 595. I request that the House may be pleased to grant the amount.

Demand put and carried

4. Rs. 168 under "33-F—Industries (Transferred)—Other Charges—grant-in-aid"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 168—under 33-F—Industries (Transferred) other charges—Grant-in-aid". Aid has been granted to the Needle Work School, Palanji, recently at Rs. 20 per mensem. A sum of Rs. 168 is required for payment of grant this year. There are no savings under any other head, and hence the necessity for the additional allotment. I request the House may be pleased to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

5. Rs. 1,219 under "33-F—Industries—Dearness allowance"

Mr. T. K. Nayar *(Minister for Rural Development):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1129 under "33-F—Industries—Dearness allowance". The provision in the Budget for payment of dearness allowance to aided Industrial school teachers is only Rs. 1,344 at Rs. 2 a month for each. As the rate of dearness allowance has been increased a further sum of Rs. 1,129 will be required for this purpose. I request the House to grant the same.

Demand put and carried

6. Rs. 1,500 under "15-7—Committees—Allowances"

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Sir, I rise to move for an additional allotment of Rs. 1,500 under "15—7—Committees—Allowances". The original provision under the head was only Rs. 1,000 which has been expended. It is estimated that this amount will be additionally required this year. I request that this supplementary grant may be sanctioned.

Demand put and carried

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